

## Maplewood Nature Center's WILD ANIMAL PUPPET SHOWS & Nature Bingo Hike

Best for ages 3 - 6

- Students learn about wild animals during a seasonal puppet show.
- Visit the Touch and See room.
- Observe seasonal changes by playing "nature bingo" on a trail hike.

Spring: "Spring To Your Senses".

Summer: "Quack, Quack, Ribbit, Ribbit, Peep, Peep"

### FEES

*No charge for adult chaperones.*

Basic Fee \$4/child

Minimum group fee (for groups of up to 5 children) \$20.00

Puppet Show added to another program. *Per puppet show.* Add \$10

Puppet Show & self-guided bingo hike. (Minimum \$30.00) \$3/child

*If you bring 10 or fewer children for a puppet show you will be charged the minimum fee of \$30.00*

**TO SCHEDULE, CALL 651.249.2170**

Please inquire about Friends of Maplewood Nature bus scholarships.

### PROGRAM LENGTH:

Plan one hour and 15 minutes for each program. Program time includes a few minutes to visit the touch and see room.

### GROUP SIZE:

Most programs are designed for groups of up to 30 preschool children. Puppet Shows and live animal presentations are appropriate for larger groups.

✳ Adult/child ratio recommended:  
1:2 for 2 year old groups  
1:8 for 3-5 year old groups  
Additional adults are welcome.

**Cancellation Policy:** We bill \$20 for cancellations with short notice.

### SELF-GUIDING GROUPS:

Visit the Animal Amphitheatre and take a self-guiding nature bingo on the trail.

Allow time for play in the Nature Play Area!

A small donation for self-guided groups is appreciated.

***Please call to reserve your visit.***

*Maplewood Nature Center complies with A.D.A. requirements. Please inform us of any special needs so that we can more fully accommodate your group.*



Spring/Summer  
Preschool & Daycare Groups

Maplewood Nature Center & Neighborhood Preserves  
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[www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com](http://www.maplewoodnaturecenter.com)

## **PRESCHOOLPROGRAMS.....ages 3 - 5**

Programs run 1-1/4 hours

Activities with crafts are starred (\*)

### **HONK HONK, QUACK QUACK.....spring..... ages 3-5**

Laugh and learn from our goose and duck puppets as they tell you about their young. Play follow the leader like ducklings do. Look and listen for them from the floating boardwalk.

### **\*FROG LEAP.....spring/summer.....ages 3 - 5**

Visit with the Frog Puppet and join in a Frog Leap. Listen for frogs calling in the pond. Make frog-eye headband.

### **\*ANTS ON THE MOVE.....spring/summer.....ages 2 - 5**

Make ant headbands, listen to the story *2 Bad Ants*, and hike to see how many ants we can find.

### **\*BUTTERFLIES.....summer.....ages 3 - 5**

Visit with the Butterfly Puppet, make a 'flutterby' kite and search for caterpillars and butterflies.

### **\*SPIDER IN THE WEB.....August & September.....ages 4 - 5**

Let our friendly spider puppet teach you about its relatives. Includes hike & spider craft.

## **Have a Picnic & Explore the Nature Play Area!**

*Available for Self-guided or Naturalist-guided groups*

Children explore and discover nature in the play area. Come, touch and feel, or run, jump, and play! Stations include:

- Climbing Rock and tree stumps
- Oak Grove stepping stones and arbor
- Fort building
- Natural Stone amphitheatre and Music circle
- Pollinator gardens

Naturalist-guided groups are encouraged to allow an extra half- hour for picnic and play.

Self-guided groups are invited to use the picnic and play area, and take the self- guiding nature trail hike or nature bingo. Please call ahead to check for availability. Donations for self-guided groups are appreciated.

## **SCHOOL AGE.....ages 5+**

Programs run 1-1/2 hours

Activities with crafts are starred (\*)

### **WILDLIFE SEARCH.....spring/summer.....ages 5-8**

Use your eyes and ears to detect signs of wildlife. Touch and see a live reptile or amphibian to learn where and how it lives.

### **\*CREEPY CRAWLY CRITTERS.....spring/summer .....ages 5 & up**

Catch spiders and centipedes, learn how they live and move under logs and in the grass. Create a spider or centipede craft to take home.

### **\*MARVELOUS MINI-BEASTS.....summer .....ages 6 & up**

Use nets and jars to catch insects and examine them up close. Discover ladybugs, grasshoppers, spiders & butterflies. Make your own pipe cleaner insect.

### **MONARCH & MILKWEED.....late July & August.....ages 7 & up**

Search for monarchs, caterpillars and milkweed beetles. Find out about monarch butterfly migration and the butterfly banding program.

### **OUTDOOR EXPLORERS.....spring/summer.....ages 8 & up**

Use binoculars to observe birds and other wildlife at the Nature Center. Learn about their habitat and do a project to help birds: (Choose one) bird silhouettes for windows, litter pick up or plant seeds.

### **PONDER THE POND.....June, July.....ages 5 & up**

Dip a cup of pond water to discover the colors and shapes of tiny pond Creatures. Watch how they move on our TV video microscope. Discover who eats what. Ages 8 and older use pond nets.

